

ABSTRACT

An apparatus suitable for filtering emboli in an open surgical procedure. The apparatus comprises an elongated member having a distal region and a support hoop attached to the distal region. A blood permeable sac is affixed to the support hoop so that the support hoop forms a distally-facing mouth of the blood permeable sac. A guidewire is slideably attached to the elongated member. A delivery sheath is provided having a cavity for accepting the elongated member, support hoop and blood permeable sac, and a lumen extending through the cavity to permit the guidewire to pass therethrough. Methods of use are also described.